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SUBJECT: PLOT CONSPIRATORS INDICTED

1. FIFTEEN DEFENDENTS INDICTED AUG 30 ON TWO COUNTS OF TREASON AS OUTGROWTH OF SECURITY FORCES ARRESTS FOLLOWING JULY 30 BOMBING OF FIN MIN KAMARA-TAYLOR'S RESIDENCE. DEFENDENTS INCLUDE FOUR POLITICALLY WELL KNOWN NAMES:

DR. MOHAMED SORIE FORNA, FORMER FINANCE MINISTER;
IBRAHIM BASH-TAQI, FORMER MIN INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING;
EX-BRIGADIER DAVID LANSANA, FORMER HEAD OF SL MILITARY FORCES AND COUPMAKER IN MARCH 1967 AGAINST STEVENS ON BEHALF OF ALBERT MARGAI; AND
ABDUL BAI ("BAI BAI") KAMARA, FORMER SLPP MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY MEMBER OF UDP.

REMAINDER OF THOSE INDICTED, EXCEPT FOR ONE OR TWO LESSER POLITICAL FRY, ARE PROPLE WHO RECRUITED, TRAINED OR TOOK PART IN BOMB SQUADS SENT OUT EARLY MORNING JULY 30 AS PART OF ALLEGED PLOT TO OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT. SENIOR
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FURTHER INDICTMENTS BY CHARGING DURING ARRAIGNMENT HEARING THAT DEFENDENTS, ACTING WITH OTHERS UNKNOWN, PLOTTED TO OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT IN THAT THEY AGREED TO KILL VICE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER S.I. KOROMA, KAMARA-TAYLOR, AND FORCE COMMANDER BRIG J.S. MOMOH, TO ATTACK, SEIZE AND TAKE CONTROL OF GOVT ARSENAL ON TOWER HILL, FREETOWN, AND TO OVERTHROW AND TAKE OVER GOSL. TRIAL SET TO BEGIN SEPT. 10.

2. REMAINING FIFTY TO SIXTY PERSONS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN PICKED UP, INCLUDING FORMER MILITARY FORCE COMMANDER AND NATIONAL REFORMATION COUNCIL (1967-68) CHAIRMAN ANDREW JUXON-SMITH, MOHAMED BASH-TAQI, AND EMBASSY FSL VICTOR WILLIAMS, NOT INDICTED BUT APPARENTLY REMAIN INCARCERATED. SULLIVAN

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